

APPLICATION (Revised September 2011)
TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
CIRCUIT JUDGE

RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IF THE
APPLICANT IS SELECTED AS A NOMINEE



NAME: **Julia Pusateri Lasater**

1. State your present principal occupation: **Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office**
2. Are you at least 30 years of age? **Yes**
3.
 - (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? **Since birth**
 - (b) Have you been a resident of St. Louis County for at least one year immediately prior to the date of this application? **Yes**
 - (c) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri? **For 27 years**
4. Are you licensed to practice law in Missouri? **Yes**

List any other states, courts, or agencies in which you are licensed as an attorney:
Illinois (admitted 1996) and the United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri (admitted 1996)

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri? **September 29, 1995**

Missouri Bar Number: **44270**

(In completing items 6 and 7, please account for all time periods between post-high school education and the date of this application.)

6. State the name and address of all colleges and universities you have attended, together with the dates and degrees received: **See Attachment 1**
7. State, in chronological order, your entire working career, including non-legal employment, if any. Include the name and address of each firm, corporation, partnership, or governmental body with which you have been associated, and the dates thereof. (Start with earliest date, conclude with present.) **See Attachment 2**
8. If you are presently an associate circuit judge and have served for two years or longer, attach a list of ten significant cases over which you presided to completion. Set forth the style, cause number, date and name and current address of the primary attorneys participating in each case, identifying the party each attorney represented. Indicate whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. **N/A**
 - (b) In addition, you may attach a list of cases you tried as an attorney in the last five years before becoming a judge. Set forth the style, cause number, date and jurisdiction and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair and the name and address of opposing counsel. State for each case whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.
9. Are you able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of a judge including the ability to preside over trials, perform legal research, attend court anywhere in the state, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, and expeditiously decide issues coming before the court? **Yes**
10. If you have never served as an associate circuit judge or have served for fewer than two years, attach a list of cases you have tried in the last five years. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Indicate for each case whether bench or jury tried and provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. If, during any of the last five years, you served as a commissioner or in any other judicial capacity, set forth the dates of same and a description of the duties performed. **See Attachment 3**
11. Have you briefed or argued any case in an appellate court? **Yes**
If yes, attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case. **See Attachment 4**
12. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work as an attorney. **See Attachment 5**

13. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? **No**
If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction and date of conviction: **N/A**
14. Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to any other litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem? **Yes**
If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction and the approximate year in which such litigation was commenced and in which it was terminated: **See Attachment 6**
15. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof? **No**
If yes, provide details: **N/A**
16. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? **No**
If yes, provide details: **N/A**
17. If you are or were a member of the Judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:
N/A
- (a) Whether an order of reprimand, removal, retirement, suspension or other disciplinary action has ever been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct? If yes, state the nature of such breach, the date discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of the discipline imposed:
- (b) Whether a reprimand or admonishment has ever been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Rule 12.07 of the Supreme Court Rules Governing the Judiciary.
- If yes, provide details including date the order was entered, the date of your consent, and a description of the conduct you were ordered to cease and desist:
- (c) Whether, to your knowledge, you have been a subject of a complaint and investigation by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline, which did not result in any action by the Commission? If yes, provide details:
18. To your knowledge, have you been investigated by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof for breach of ethics or professional conduct? **No**
If yes, provide details: **N/A**

19. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates: **See Attachment 7**
20. Describe your community activities, including any organizations, not listed above, with which you are affiliated: **See Attachment 8**
21. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position? **No**
If yes, provide details: **N/A**
22. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service, or (b) other public service, not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, was the discharge other than honorable? If military service continues, so state: **None**
23. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received: **See Attachment 9**
24. Furnish the names and addresses including zip codes and telephone numbers of not more than five persons, who are not judges, as references with respect to your judicial qualifications: **See Attachment 10**
25. State any additional data you deem relevant: **Martindale-Hubbell "AV" Peer Review Rated since 2005**

ATTACHMENT 1

Loyola University Chicago
6525 N. Sheridan Rd.
Chicago, Illinois 60626
August 1988 through May 1989
No degree received

- Dean's List, both semesters

Maryville University
650 Maryville University Dr.
St. Louis, Missouri 63141
August 1989 through May 1992
B.A., magna cum laude

- Women's Soccer Team, 1989 Season (NCAA, Division III)

St. Louis University School of Law
3700 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri 63108
August 1992 through May 1995
J.D.

- St. Louis University National Trial Advocacy Team, 1995
- St. Louis University Law Journal, Lead Notes and Comments Editor, 1994-1995
- St. Louis University Law Journal, Staff Member, 1993-1994

ATTACHMENT 2

Schnucks Markets, Inc.

11420 Lackland Dr.

P.O. Box 46928

St. Louis, Missouri 63146-6928

Clerk

June 1986 through August 1988 (Breckenridge Hills store)

May 1989 through August 1992 (Breckenridge Hills store and Mid-Rivers store)

December 1992 through January 1993 (Mid-Rivers store)

- Worked primarily as a clerk in the video department
- Filled in as necessary at other clerk positions throughout the store

11th Judicial Circuit, State of Missouri

300 N. 2nd Street

St. Charles, Missouri 63301

Special Projects Clerk (Division 5)

May 1993 through August 1993

- Responsible for reviewing and closing old criminal cases
- Responsible for the permanent retention of closed criminal cases
- Assisted court clerks in their daily duties with data entry and dockets

Rabbitt, Pitzer and Snodgrass, P.C. (now known as Pitzer Snodgrass, P.C.)

100 S. 4th Street, Suite 400

St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Clerk

May 1994 through September 1995

- Responsible for filing all pleadings in state and federal courts
- Drafted pleadings, responses to discovery and appellate briefs
- Conducted research in the areas of medical malpractice, products liability, premises liability and personal injury
- Assisted at a federal trial involving alleged civil rights violations by police officers
- Supervised and trained other clerks

Rabbitt, Pitzer and Snodgrass, P.C. (now known as Pitzer Snodgrass, P.C.)

100 S. 4th Street, Suite 400

St. Louis, Missouri

Associate

September 1995 through September 1996

- Argued motions in Circuit and Associate Circuit Court
- Prepared pleadings, responses to discovery and appellate briefs
- Conducted research in the areas of medical malpractice, product liability, premises liability and personal injury

Landau, Omahana and Kopka, P.C.

(firm no longer in existence)

St. Louis, Missouri

Associate

September 1996 through May 1997

- Tried bench trials at the Associate Circuit Court and Small Claims Court level
- Defended worker's compensation cases in both Missouri and Illinois
- Defended personal injury cases
- Deposed treating physicians, parties and witnesses

Blumenfeld, Kaplan and Sandweiss, P.C.

(firm no longer in existence)

St. Louis, Missouri

Associate

May 1997 through April 2001

- Argued before the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District on two occasions
- Tried jury trials and bench trials at the Circuit and Associate Circuit Court level
- Defended and prosecuted commercial law and real estate matters involving mechanic's liens, promissory notes, breach of leases, breach of contracts, landlord/tenant disputes, specific performance in the sale of a home, quiet title actions, partitions and a mandatory injunction seeking the enforcement of indentures
- Defended and prosecuted matters involving family law, including dissolutions, motions to modify child support/child custody, adoptions and guardianship
- Defended and prosecuted tort claims involving libel, assault and negligent hiring
- Prosecuted worker's compensation claims

Carmody MacDonald, P.C.

120 S. Central, Suite 1800

St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Associate

April 2001 through August 2005

- Tried cases at the Circuit and Associate Circuit Court level
- Specialized in matters involving family law, including dissolutions, legal separations, motions to modify child support/child custody, motions for contempt, adoptions, guardianships and pre-nuptial agreements
- Performed work on high net-worth family law cases involving the valuation of businesses, the tracing of assets and maintenance.
- Defended and prosecuted commercial law and real estate matters involving mechanic's liens, condemnation, promissory notes, breach of leases, breach of contracts, landlord/tenant disputes and quiet title actions
- Prosecuted personal injury actions and worker's compensation claims, including automobile accidents and premises liability matters

St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Civil Division

100 S. Central, 2nd Floor

St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

August 2005 to present

- Specialize in child support enforcement requiring appearances in Circuit and Associate Circuit Court to prosecute criminal non-support cases
- Review police reports and evaluate cases for the filing of criminal charges
- Try felony and misdemeanor criminal non-support cases, paternity actions and also engage in plea negotiations
- Conduct hearings in probation revocation cases as well as contempt cases involving the non-payment of child support
- Instrumental in creating the St. Louis County Contempt Court and lead prosecutor of the St. Louis County Contempt Court from June 2010 through December 2011 collecting over \$250,000 in child support during that time period
- Present cases to the St. Louis County Grand Jury on criminal non-support matters
- Establish paternity and child support orders on behalf of the State of Missouri, Family Support Division
- Manage a caseload of approximately 1,000 cases which include pending cases and probation revocations
- Assist in the training and development of new assistant prosecuting attorneys

ATTACHMENT 3

Jeff Lewis v. Lawless Homes, Inc., et al., St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, 21C97-5151, Hon. Barbara Ann Crancer (Division 31), Date of trial: November 14, 1997

Bench trial, first chair

Represented: Defendants Lawless Homes, Inc. and Dave Pillard

Result: Plaintiff's verdict of \$8,174.49 against the defendants, jointly and severally.

Was overturned on appeal and the case settled thereafter.

Plaintiff's attorney and address: Gary Seltzer, 7751 Carondelet, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Description: Claim for damage to personal property arising out of the permissive use of the plaintiff's backhoe.

Edwin Frank, et al., v. Sandy Rothschild & Associates, Inc., St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, 21C97-12688, Hon. Carolyn C. Whittington (Division 36), Date of trial: May 13, 1998

Bench trial, first chair

Represented: Plaintiffs Edwin Frank and Esther Frank d/b/a The Frank Company

Result: Plaintiffs' verdict of \$11,470.71. Upheld on appeal

Defendant's attorney and address: James P. Gamble, 8909 Ladue Rd., Ladue, Missouri 63124

Description: Claim was made for breach of contract arising out of the defendant's failure to pay rent in full.

Dennis Creswell, et al. v. Legend Homes, Inc., St. Louis County Circuit Court, 2199CC-01785, Hon. Colleen Dolan (Division 20), Date of trial: April 4, 2000

Bench trial, first chair

Represented: Defendant Legend Homes, Inc.

Result: Plaintiff's verdict of \$49,625.00

Plaintiffs' attorney and address: John J. Diehl, 13321 S. Outer 40, Chesterfield, Missouri 63305

Description: Defendant was sued for breach of contract regarding the construction of a \$234,000.00 home in St. Louis County. Plaintiffs claimed a number of defects in the construction.

Tim Reichman v. Eleanor Ruder, et al., St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, 2199AC-06395, Hon. Carolyn C. Whittington (Division 36), Dates of trial: April 24, 2000-April 25, 2000

Jury trial, first chair

Represented: Defendants Eleanor Ruder and John Ruder

Result: Defendants' verdict on 3 of 4 counts. Plaintiff's verdict of \$6,000.00 on one count against Eleanor Ruder.

Plaintiff's attorney and address: W. Bevis Schock, 7777 Bonhomme, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Description: Breach of contract case and quantum meruit claims by the plaintiff against the defendants arising out of the alleged oral agreement to sell a business.

Standard Professional Services, L.L.C. v. Bill L. Bruce, et al., St. Louis County Circuit Court, 2101CC-01227, Hon. Philip J. Sweeney (Division 18), Date of trial: February 27, 2002

Bench trial, first chair

Represented: Defendant Bill L. Bruce

Result: Plaintiff's verdict of \$60,423.54, jointly and severally against all three defendants

Plaintiff's attorney and address: Patrick J. Kenny, One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600, St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Description: Defendant signed a personal guaranty for the lease of physical fitness equipment for a start up gym. The gym was not successful and defendant was sued on the guaranty.

The Estate of Otis Brown, Sr. v. Tasha Rice, St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, 2101AC-24742, Hon. Brenda S. Loftin (Division 33), Date of trial: February 3, 2003

Bench trial, first chair

Represented: Plaintiff the Estate of Otis Brown, Sr.

Result: Plaintiff's verdict of \$16,078.35

Defendant's attorney and address: Frederick M. Hawk, 1200 S. Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63117

Description: Claim was made by the estate based upon the transfer of a vehicle from Mr. Brown to a caregiver. The transfer was done because of undue influence on the part of the caregiver.

Joseph R. Liscombe v. Christine S. Liscombe, St. Louis County Circuit Court, Family Court Division, 21655631-02, Comm. Phillip Jones (Division 65), Date of trial: May 23, 2005

Bench trial, first chair

Represented: Petitioner Joseph R. Liscombe

Result: Petitioner's Motion to Modify as to custody and child support was sustained.

Respondent's Motion to Modify as to custody and child support was overruled.

Respondent's attorney and address: Kathleen E. Shaul, 7710 Carondelet, Suite 401, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Description: Custody of three children transferred from Respondent to Petitioner

Jessie R. Johnson v. Charles Johnson, St. Louis County Circuit Court, Family Court Division, 2198FC-09861-01, Comm. Phillip Jones (Division 65), Date of trial: June 8, 2005

Bench trial, first chair

Represented: Respondent Charles Johnson

Result: Respondent's Motion for and Affidavit in Support of his Objection to Relocation of the Minor Children was overruled. Petitioner's Motion to Modify was sustained.

Respondent's First Amended Counter-Motion to Modify Family Court Judgment as to Custody and Child Support was overruled.

Petitioner's attorney and address: Hon. Douglas R. Beach, 7900 Carondelet, Division 6, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Description: Petitioner requested the relocation of the minor children to Kansas City, Missouri. Respondent opposed the relocation, but the GAL recommended the relocation and the relocation was ultimately allowed. Child support was also modified.

Robin L. King v. Ronald L. Mills, Sr., St. Louis County Circuit Court, Family Court Division, 2105FC-04566, Comm. Phillip Jones (Division 65), Dates of trial: March 17, 2006 and April 24, 2006

Bench trial, first chair

Represented: Petitioner Robin L. King

Result: Paternity and child support was established

Respondent's attorney and address: Alan Cohen, 8000 Bonhomme, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Description: Suit to establish paternity and child support was filed by the State of Missouri on behalf of Petitioner pursuant to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA). Petitioner resided in Illinois and Respondent resided in Missouri

State ex rel, Helen C. Madison v. Tony E. Madison, St. Louis County Circuit Court, Family Court Division, 2198FC-07148, Hon. Dale Hood (Division 34), Date of trial: December 14, 2006

Bench trial, first chair

Represented: The State of Missouri

Result: Respondent Tony E. Madison was found in contempt for failing to pay child support.

Respondent's attorney: pro se

Description: Respondent was given a purge order that he failed to abide by and was ultimately jailed for three weeks before purging himself of his contempt and being released.

State v. B.A.M., St. Louis County Circuit Court, 07SL-CR05444-01, Hon. Carolyn C. Whittington (Division 7), Date of trial: April 7, 2009

Bench trial, second chair

Represented: The State of Missouri

Result: Guilty on all counts

Defendant's attorney and address: Robert S. Adler, 7777 Bonhomme Ave., Suite 1740 St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Description: Defendant was charged with criminal non-support

First chair: Bryn Henley

State v. Quinton Thomas, St. Louis County Circuit Court, 08SL-CR01196-01, Hon. Richard Bresnehan (Division 18), Date of trial: September 2, 2009 to September 3, 2009

Jury trial, second chair

Represented: The State of Missouri

Result: Guilty

Defendant's attorney and address: Joe Welch, 3115 S. Grand, St. Louis, Missouri 63118

Description: Defendant was charged with criminal non-support

First chair: Joseph Kaiser

State v. G.C.E., St. Louis County Circuit Court, 08SL-CR07933-01, Hon. John Kintz (Division 5), Dates of trial: August 30, 2010 to August 31, 2010.

Jury trial, second chair

Represented: The State of Missouri

Result: Not guilty

Defendant's attorney and address: Douglas Richards, 1620 S. Hanley Rd., St. Louis, Missouri 63144

Description: Defendant was charged with criminal non-support

First chair: Joseph Kaiser

State v. Gerard Lucas, St. Louis County Circuit Court, 09SL-CR01640-01, Hon. David Vincent (Division 9), Date of trial: January 26, 2011.

Bench trial, second chair

Represented: The State of Missouri

Result: Guilty

Defendant's attorney and address: Richard Dempsey, Jr., 26 N. Central, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Description: Defendant was charged with criminal non-support

First chair: Bryn Henley

State v. R.L.P., St. Louis County Circuit Court, 10SL-CR10247-01, Hon. Mark D. Seigel (Division 3), Date of trial: March 18, 2013

Bench trial, first chair

Represented: The State of Missouri

Result: Not guilty

Defendant's attorney: Kenneth Heineman, 190 Carondelet, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Description: Defendant was charged with criminal non-support

ATTACHMENT 4

Lewis v. Lawless Homes, Inc., 984 S.W.2d 583 (Mo.App. 1998)-briefed and argued the case alone.

Frank v. Sandy Rothschild & Assoc., 4 S.W.3d 602 (Mo.App. 1998)-briefed and argued the case alone.

ATTACHMENT 5

Continuing Legal Education Presentations

The Missouri Child Support Enforcement Association

Region III Town Hall Meeting, June 2010

- Presenter, The Service Member's Civil Relief Act

The St. Louis County Bar

Domestic Relations, November 2009

- Presenter, The Prosecuting Attorney's Office Civil Division

The Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

Spring Statewide Training, April 2009

- Presenter, The Service Member's Civil Relief Act

The Missouri Bar

Practical Evidence for Litigators: Discovery

- Presenter, 2004

- Presenter, 2003

The Annual Law Review

- Moderator, 2005

- Moderator, 2004

A Primer on Automobile Litigation, Insurance, Coverage and Ethics

- Moderator, 2004

ATTACHMENT 6

Julia Pusateri Muschany v. Donald Herbert Muschany, 11th Judicial Circuit, St. Charles County, Missouri, Cause No.: 11V019902544-Petitioner in an uncontested dissolution of marriage filed on April 19, 1999 and granted on May 20, 1999

Nichole Chatman v. Julie Pusateri, 21st Judicial Circuit, St. Louis County, Missouri, Cause No.: 04CC-04551-Defendant in a lawsuit arising out of an automobile accident that occurred on March 11, 2003. Case was filed on October 27, 2004 and settled by the insurance company on July 18, 2006 for \$2,500.00, the cost of defense.

The Estate of Thomas E. Pusateri, Sr., Deceased, 11th Judicial Circuit, St. Charles County, Missouri, Cause No.: 0711-PR00385-Personal Representative of the estate of my father who passed away on April 15, 2007-the probate estate was opened on May 11, 2007 and closed on August 28, 2008.

ATTACHMENT 7

Currently a member of the St. Louis County Bar Association and the Lawyer's Association. Below is a list of bar activities and positions held:

The St. Louis County Bar Association

- President, 2014
- President-Elect, 2013
- Secretary, 2012
- Executive Committee, 2008-2011

The Missouri Bar

Young Lawyer's Section Council

- Representative, St. Louis County (District 8), 2002-2006
- Executive Committee, 2004-2005

The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Missouri High School Mock Trial Competition

- Attorney Coach, McCluer North High School
- Attorney Coach, Lutheran South High School

The Lawyer's Association

Gridiron Show

- Cast Member, 1996-1998, 2000-2002 and 2004

ATTACHMENT 8

Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Pack 360-North Glendale Elementary School

- Cubmaster, March 2011-present
- Den Leader, September 2011-present

First Congregational Church of St. Louis, United Church of Christ

Preschool Board

- President, 2009
- Vice-President, 2008
- Member, 2006-2007
 - Preschool Director Search Committee, 2009
 - Budget Committee, 2006-2009
 - Financial Aid Committee, 2006-2009

St. Peter Catholic Church

Kirkwood, Missouri

- Head Coach, Soccer-Kindergarten Boys, 2009
- Asst. Coach, Soccer-1st Grade Boys, 2010

ATTACHMENT 9

Publications

St. Louis University Law Journal

Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye, Inc. v. City of Hialeah and the Burdening of Free Exercise: The Solidification of the Employment Division v. Smith Doctrine and the Congressional Response

- 38 St. L. U. L. J. 1041 (1994)

Awards

The Missouri Bar

Young Lawyer's Section Council

Chairperson's Award, 2006

ATTACHMENT 10

Paul D'Agrosa

7710 Carondelet, Suite 200
St. Louis, Missouri 63105
(314) 725-8019

Laura Kipnis

585 Stratford
St. Louis, Missouri 63130
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Peter J. Dunne

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St. Louis, Missouri 63101
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Kimberly J. Bettisworth

Bettisworth & Associates, LLC
7730 Carondelet, Suite 200
St. Louis, Missouri 63105
(314) 725-8881

Douglas R. Richards

1620 S. Hanley Rd.
St. Louis, Missouri 63144
(314) 647-2850

Julia Pusateri Lasater

Julia Pusateri Lasater has been an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office since 2005. Prior to that she was in private practice for ten years where she specialized in family law and civil litigation. Julie graduated from Maryville University in 1992 and from St. Louis University School of Law in 1995. She is a past-president of the St. Louis County Bar Association and she has held numerous positions with the St. Louis County Bar Association since 2008. Julie is married to JB Lasater, also an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in St. Louis County, and they have two sons.